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Reiko Ueno, et al.

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For: ROUTING PROCESSING AND METHOD IN HOME BUS SYSTEM

DECLARATION OF REIKO UENO AND YASUYUKI SHINTANI UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

We, Reiko Ueno and Yasuyuki Shintani, declare:

1. I am an employee of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
2. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the above-captioned application, the specification of which was filed on July 1, 2003, as Application Serial No. 10/609,471, and is a continuation of Application Serial No. 10/220,055, which was filed on August 27, 2002 and is the national stage application of PCT/JP00/09366 filed December 27, 2000.
3. I have reviewed the Office Action dated January 16, 2007 issued in this application. In this Office Action, claims 11-13, 15 and 17-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Balassanian U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0021857, and claims 14 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) at least in part over Balassanian. Balassanian purports to be a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/498,016 filed February 4, 2000.
4. Prior to February 4, 2000, Reiko Ueno and Yasuyuki Shintani, working in Japan, conceived the claimed invention which is substantially disclosed in counterpart Japanese Patent Application 11-199024 filed July 13, 1999 and attached hereto as Exhibit A. Applicants diligently pursued patent protection and were awarded Japanese Patent 3359594 on October 11, 2002. We also diligently worked to reduce the invention to practice in Japan on or before December 27, 2000, the date of constructive reduction to practice from the filing of PCT/JP00/09366.

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5. All statements made herein of my knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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Date: 26th Apr 2007

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